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### City Gets \$41.9 Million Check to Help in Community Development



Mayor Willie Brown joined HUD's Andrew Cuomo on June 17 to announce the funding of various local projects.

Assistant Secretary Andrew Cuomo of HUD and Mayor Willie Brown have announced the City will receive more than \$41 million in funding for a variety of homeless, housing, community and economic development activities.

The Mayor, Cuomo and the State of California also signed a Memorandum of Agreement June 17 which releases an additional \$2.95 million in funds to 27 community and economic neighborhood organizations which will provide jobs, training programs and youth development initiatives in support of San Francisco's Enterprise Community (EC).

"Mayor Brown has a reputation for getting things done, for bringing everyone to the table, for moving people to consensus," said Cuomo, whose Office of Community Planning and Development awarded the City the \$41.9 million. "These announcements today prove that San Francisco and its Enterprise Community are leaders in solving problems facing cities today."

"I'm proud to say that San Francisco has been creative and energetic in its efforts to capitalize on the Clinton Administration's Enterprise Community program," said Brown. "I believe this is exactly the kind of partnership between the local community and the federal government we ought to encourage and expand, and I thank Assistant Secretary Cuomo for joining us here in and being the bearer of good tidings."

The \$41.9 million check represents the City's 1996 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, Housing for Persons with AIDS, (HOPWA) and Emergency Shelter Grant Fund. The funds will enable the City to carry out a host of job creation, community development and infrastructure efforts throughout the city, including the Excelsior Youth Center. Presentation of the check represents the final installment of \$23 million in funding from HUD for fiscal year 1996.

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### Former Maxicare to Soon Be Licensed Care

In a renewed effort to reopen a building at 141 Leland Ave. vacated by Maxicare more than seven years ago, Catholic Charities has announced it will be operating a licensed care facility there by the end of 1996.

Forming a partnership with Mercy Charities Housing of California, which wants to acquire the property Catholic Charities has sufficient funds to complete a remodeling job which had originally been commenced in 1990 by the property's previous owner, Hospice by the Bay, and eventually kept them from opening for business. Catholic Charities' structure will have room for 45 beds, 10 hospital and 35 ambulatory, along with a proposed staff of 30.

Residency will be strictly for low-income, HIV-positive participants.

Representatives from both Catholic Charities and Mercy Charities have already met with neighborhood leaders to discuss the impact of such a facility on the neighborhood. "I look forward to having more meetings with the community," said Tiffany Goeman, director of Residential Services at Catholic Charities, who stressed her organization's commitment to inform the surrounding neighborhood exactly what will be happening in the building, while hoping to dispel any fear stemming from misinformation about AIDS.

Goeman plans to invite neighbors of other licensed care facilities to speak at a forthcoming community meeting, tentatively scheduled for August.

### Visitation Library Events

S.F. Public Library's Visitation Valley Branch at 45 Leland Ave. will present the following events in July:

"Preschool Story Time: Tuesday, July 2 and 30 at 10 and 10:45 a.m. (Ages 3-5).

"Saturday Story Time: Saturdays, July 13 and 20 at 12 noon (Ages 3+).

"Preschool Videos: Wednesday, July 10 at 10 and 10:45 a.m. (Ages 3-5).

"Sing-a-Long with Jim: One half-hour of music and sing-a-long on Saturday, July 12 at 3:30 p.m. (All ages).

"Academy of Sciences' Super Van will bring live Snakes on Thursday, July 11 from 2 to 3 p.m.

"Magic Show with Jim the Enchanter: Thursday, July 18 at 1 p.m. (All ages).

"Paper Airplanes: Come and have fun learning how to make paper airplanes on Tuesday, July 23 at 10 a.m. (Ages 5+).

"Academy of Sciences' Super Van returns Thursday, July 25 from 2 to 3 p.m. with Tide Pools.

### Moving on to Higher Places



Four classes of preschoolers graduated in special commencement exercises June 20 at the Community Center.

### St. Luke's Hospital Will Soon Have Leland Ave. Clinic

More than seven years after Maxicare closed its doors to the neighborhood on February 1, 1989, Visitation Valley is very close to getting a functioning medical clinic on Leland Avenue.

St. Luke's Hospital is currently negotiating to acquire a storefront property or adjacent Valley site to return a medical facility to the neighborhood by the end of September; and maybe even as early as August.

Surveys conducted with local residents revealed medical services at the top of nearly everyone's list. Having already provided an abundance of assistance to Coleman Medical Center, which serves the Bayview/Hunters Point area, St. Luke's, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, has been meeting with Valley representatives since last September to determine a feasible way to locate services in Visitation Valley.

In April, the hospital hired a Dr. Sai Sun (Sam) Ho to head the planned facility. When open, the new clinic will provide full primary care services with six treatment rooms and ample waiting space. Plans call for the phasing-in of other medical services such as obstetrics and gynecological services, with pediatric services later possibility. See Page 5

### Beacon Center Opens at VVMS



The Beacon Center at Visitation Valley Middle School was a beehive of activity during its grand opening on June 10.

Visitation Valley celebrated the opening of its Beacon Center June 10 at Visitation Valley Middle School (VVMS) with a program showcasing talents and leadership of youth with performances, exhibits and tours of the facility.

Making guest appearances were KMEI radio personality Chuy Gomez and Miguel "High Top" Fonseca, who hosted entertainment by youth, including Filipino dancers, traditional Samoan performances, Chinese lantern dancers, the Viz As It Is dance team and the VVMS Advanced Concert Band. The YMCA also hosted a

Wacky Olympics before the event. Visitation Valley's Beacon Council, comprised of community school youth, and public and private agency representatives, conducted an extensive community survey of young people and their families in the neighborhood to shape the Center's activities. Programs for youth and their families include: ESL, tutoring and academic enhancements including science, chess, and computer clubs. Soccer, swimming, dance, martial arts, leadership training, conflict management, cultural appreciation and sports.

### Camp Fire Gets Grant from S.F. Foundation

Camp Fire Boys and Girls was recently awarded a \$25,000 grant from the San Francisco Foundation for its City Kids program at the Village on Schwann Street.

City Kids has created collaborative programs that benefit children, youth, families and the community. With this grant, it will provide a supportive ties, community service and leadership development. It will also provide fam-

ily counseling, a recreation network, an after school enrichment program and childcare.

City Kids is part of a Bay Area Urban Initiative serving high-risk youth in some of the most diverse and challenging neighborhoods of Oakland and San Francisco.

San Francisco Foundation serves Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties.



Proud parents and friends packed the VVES auditorium for a 5th grade promotion ceremony as graduates facing them sang "Out in the World."



Dr. Ahimsa Porter-Sumchal, M.D. told graduates about her long journey from growing up in Sunnydale to neurosurgery internship at Stanford University.

### Guest Speakers, Many Awards Highlights of VVES Graduation

Congratulations were given the soon-to-be 6th graders of Visitation Valley Elementary School (VVES) on their promotion to middle school! A June 14 commencement ceremony featured two guest speakers, both originally from Visitation Valley.

David Jamison, CEO of a downtown advertising firm grew up in the Valley and "adopted" Little Vis after his brief stint at the school as Principal for the Day in 1994. His joint ventures with VVES include a billboard displaying student artwork on Bayshore Boulevard promoting educational values, a 1995 school yearbook and a 1996 school-wide art education project.

Also speaking was Dr. Ahimsa Porter-Sumchal, who grew up in the Sunnydale housing complex and attended McLaren Elementary and Luther Burbank Middle School. A neurosurgeon trained at Stanford University, Dr. Sumchal encouraged students to "dare to become what they want to be" and to aim high.

Both speakers are great role models for all students, having conveyed messages of both wisdom and inspiration.

Many graduates were awarded certificates and trophies for excellence in academics, citizenship, community service and athletics. The principal, teachers and staff of VVES are very proud of them, and wish them success in their future pursuit of excellence.



Winners posed with their awards for: Outstanding Academics and Citizenship; Rising Stars in Academics and Citizenship; Outstanding Student Athlete; and the Mark Conrad Memorial Award of St. James Presbyterian Church.



David Jamison, CEO of a downtown advertising firm talked about his childhood in Visitation Valley and gave a message of encouragement to the students of "Little Vis."



## This Year's Budget: First Step on a Long Road

By Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.

This year's budget, my first as mayor, represents the initial steps in our efforts to strengthen law enforcement, improve the long-neglected Municipal Railway, enhance health care services and make our city government more efficient, accessible and responsive to the people of San Francisco.

It is my hope that this budget plan will serve as the starting point for achieving the long-term goals of the City: revitalizing services, streamlining and clarifying lines of authority and accountability, and bringing our city government fully into the modern era.

Vital in the formulation of this budget were key findings from the Economic Summit I convened this April. This Summit brought together 400 representatives from all sectors of the City, and from that gathering, three concepts emerged which are essential to moving the City forward.

\*Build on the City's strengths, including our strong economy, our growth industries - finance, tourism and trail-blazing newcomers like multi-media - and the talents, enterprise and creativity of our people.

\*Address the City's long-standing needs, including affordable housing, quality education and job training.

\*Plan for the future, by first putting the City's own government house in order.

These concepts are all incorporated in the budget. All are central to my commitment to enhance and expand the City's economy as a whole by encouraging the investment necessary to retain existing businesses and to start new ones, and to create jobs and fresh opportunities for all who live and work here.

Holding the line on taxes, assessments and fees - while stretching each taxpayer dollar to assure a solid return in city services - is crucial to my vision of creating a vibrant local economy. We must also end the prolonged drought in capital improvements and begin investing again in our parks, museums, civic structures and other public facilities that both contribute to economic vitality and attract tourists from around the world.

A growing and competitive economy, coupled with public services that support and foster enterprise, are the engines that can propel San Francisco confidently into the coming century.

The proposed budget for fiscal year 1996-97 provides for \$3.2 billion in spending, \$1.5 billion of which forms the General Fund. This represents an increase of 2.4 percent over the previous year, which permits prudent investment in rebuilding the City's infrastructure as well as improvements in those services on which people of this city depend on daily. Therefore, I propose the following urgent budget priorities:

**MUNI:** In recent years maintenance and street supervision, both essential in keeping busses and trolleys in service and on time, have seriously deteriorated. In keeping with my commitment to restore Muni to its former status as the nation's best public transit system, this budget will deploy 15 more street supervisors and add 25 desperately needed mechanics to allow for 24-hour maintenance of our diesel and trolley fleet. This will keep vehicles running and on schedule. In all, the Muni budget will be increased by \$13 million in non-general fund moneys.

**POLICE:** For the first time, the Police Department will be brought to full staffing - 2,082 officers - pursuant to Prop. D, passed by voters in 1994. The policy, which I initiated soon after becoming Mayor, of deploying officers in Muni will continue, as will patrols of Housing Authority sites. A total of 55 additional officers will be assigned to patrol in city neighborhoods. We will begin to replace the Department's deteriorating fleet of patrol cars with 35 new vehicles, plus an additional 85 replacements. Additionally, officer training will be intensified, and the Office of Citizen Complaints, under its new leadership, will be expanded as part of our commitment to excellence in law enforcement.

**YOUTH:** The young people of this

City, by far our most precious resource, were too often overlooked in city budgets in the past. This budget responds to the growing problem of juvenile crime with a balanced approach to the diversion and detention of troubled youth. In addition to better funding for the community programs in the Juvenile Justice Department, I propose to increase spending for after-school recreational programs and to ensure proper maintenance of soccer fields, playgrounds and other facilities.

Also, my public-private "SAY YES" program will put 500 young people into summer jobs - in addition to the 1,900 who will be employed with federal funds. These young San Franciscans will be given jobs in the private sector as well as the Public Library, the Recreation and Parks Department and, of course, in the Mayor's office. Four child care centers will be renovated, and the new Youth Center in the Excelsior will move forward. We all know that education is the path to the future success of young people; therefore, next year I will call for a special election that will include bond issues for San Francisco's Unified School and Community College Districts. I look forward as well to the recommendations which will flow from the October Youth Summit on which Supervisor Yaki is already hard at work.

**HEALTH:** I propose that we increase breast cancer outreach and basic services, particularly in high risk areas such as Hunters Point. The budget also expands home health services so that patients can receive quality care in familiar surroundings - supported with family and friends - and at far less cost than in a hospital. At long last, funding will be made available to the new Rehabilitation Mental Health Facility, built as a result of a bond initiative that voters approved in 1988. And finally, a new Department of the Environment, initiated by Supervisor Shelley and approved by the voters, will be established to coordinate the City's many environmental efforts.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:** It's only prudent that a city keep its own house in order and not let vital facilities de-

riorate or problems fester, worsen and grow even more costly to correct. With that in mind, this budget provides \$21 million for capital improvements, including: the removal of hazardous underground storage tanks; Improvements in the City's hospitals; Art Commission facilities and other public property; and improved public safety through lighting improvements. I applaud Supervisor Leal for her attention to this aspect of public safety in the Mission District, and her success in securing federal funds for lighting in that area.

In proposing these initiatives, I am mindful that, while we need to improve the way the City does business, it is important not to move so hastily as to dismantle or damage existing services. These initiatives are possible, in large measure, because of the revenues generated by an improving economy. Budgeting is as sharp and precise as the few months I've been in office have allowed. Long range audits will be undertaken of each city program to eliminate duplication and inefficiency. However, keep in mind that this budget does not lay-off any of the rank-and-file workers who provide basic services to our residents.

### FAMILY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Following is a schedule of July events for the Family Community Partnership Program of the American Red Cross, 1704 Sunnydale Ave. Phone: 584-3620, Fax: 584-8914.

\*Aerobics: 1:30 p.m. July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

\*Children's Bookmobile: 1:30 p.m. July 25

\*Children's Videos: 1:30 p.m. July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

\*Computer: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. July 11, 18, 25

\*Family Advisory Counseling: 10:30 a.m. July 12, 26

\*Intake: 9 a.m.-12 noon July 1, 3, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31

\*Job Search: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. July 11, 18, 25

\*On the Road to Success Workshop: 9 a.m. July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

\*Orientation: 10 a.m. July 18

\*Parent Focus Group: 10 a.m. July 25

\*Red Cross Stork's Nest: 12:30 p.m. July 9

\*Resume Writing: 9:30 a.m. July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

## Grapevine Mailbox



### VVTF Status Clarified

Following is a statement from the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families in response to a Grapevine article in June on the Geneva Valley Development Corporation which made reference to the Visitacion Valley Task Force.

Editor:

This administration has not developed any policies on the Mayor's neighborhood task forces. The decision to form neighborhood task forces rests solely with the residents. Mayor Brown has appointed liaisons to various neighborhoods to provide a link between his office and residents. Citizens have access to the Mayor by appointment or through the open door.

### Composting Workshops

Turn your fruit, vegetable and yard trimmings into a rich soil for your garden and house plants by composting them. Learn how to compost in small outdoor settings by attending a free hands-on urban composting workshop from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on July 13 or 27.

Workshops are coordinated by the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) and will be held at SLUG's Garden for the Environment located in the Sunset District at Lawton Street and 7th Avenue. Additional workshops are also available in Spanish and Cantonese. Call SLUG's Compost Hotline at 285-7585 for reservations and further information.

### Students Win Award

Seven students in a youth painting class at Visitacion Valley Community Center won an award for participating in Young Audiences' spring art exhibition *Faces of San Francisco: Faces of Change* at Levi Strauss & Co. Winning an award and prize were: Eric Chow, Christina Yan, Shirley Chow, Jacqueline Chow, Wanda Soto, Sonny Chow and Sophia Wou.

Painting Instructor Mrs. Ng and her husband also received a certificate of achievement for encouraging creativity in the classroom.

policy at War Memorial. The appointed Saturday sessions will ensure that everyone has the opportunity to meet with the Mayor to discuss issues or express concerns. As with any group, the Visitacion Valley Task Force will have equal access.

### Murder Suspect Sought



Mayor Willie Brown has authorized a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Mickey Hampton.

On March 28, 1996, at 12:45 in the afternoon, Thomas "Mickey" Hampton was working in his restaurant, The Catfish Palace at 5298 Third Street, when an unidentified African American male entered and, for several minutes, engaged him in a conversation.

Suddenly, without warning or provocation, the unidentified man produced a handgun and shot Hampton several times. The assailant then fled, on foot, from the restaurant and south on Third Street to east on Wallace Street, where it's believed he escaped in a waiting small gray vehicle - possibly a Hyundai - with an African American male driver.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Inspector Vince Repetto or Inspector Rich Adkins at the Homicide Section of the San Francisco Police Department, (415) 554-6131.

## Apartment Recycling Options and California Redemption Value

By David Assmann  
S.F. Recycling Program

While most residents of San Francisco have access to recycling services through curbside or apartment recycling, about 20 percent of apartment residents (about 50,000 residents) do not have access to recycling at home. If a building does not have service, it's usually because there is no room in the building for bins, access to bins is limited or a building owner or manager has decided not to allow recycling service. Since recycling is voluntary in San Francisco, an apartment building manager or owner must agree to recycling service before it can be offered.

So what are the options for residents in apartment buildings without recycling services? First of all, if your building doesn't have service, talk to your building manager about getting service established. It could be that the issue of service wasn't considered in the past, there may be a new manager, or physical constraints could have changed. There's no cost for recycling service, and since establishing service can often reduce garbage costs, managers are usually receptive to the idea of having it established. In order to establish service, managers need to call Sunset Scavenger at 330-2872.

Secondly, you may be able to obtain a blue bin for your apartment, even if you live in a building with six or more units. In particular, if you live in a building with 10 units or less, it may be possible to get blue bins for individual units if your building doesn't have room for large bins. You can call 330-2872 to see whether this is an option.

Finally, if neither of the first two options work, you can take your recyclables to one of the 25 recycling drop off centers around the city (Call us at 554-3400 during regular business hours and we'll tell you where to find the closest center). A few of these centers take a full range of materials (San Francisco Community Recyclers operates four centers that take all the materials that are acceptable in the curbside program), but many will take only recyclables that have California Redemption Value.

Which brings me to my second topic - California Redemption Value. Ten years ago, the California state legislature passed AB2020 - The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act of 1986. This act estab-

lished a modified deposit system for beverage containers sold in California.

Whenever you purchase a carbonated beverage in a container labeled "California Redemption Value," "CA Redemption Value," "California Cash Refund" or "CA Cash Refund," you pay a redemption value. For aluminum, glass and plastic (#1) containers containing less than 24 ounces, you pay 2.5 cents per container. If the container holds more than 24 ounces, the redemption value is five cents per container. Containers for non-carbonated beverages, such as juice and water, do not have a redemption value.

The redemption value goes to a California Department of Conservation (DOC) fund. This fund is used to pay back redemption value for redeemed containers. Money left in the DOC fund due to unredeemed containers is used for administration and for grants to local conservation corps, governmental and nonprofit entities for recycling, recycling market development, community outreach and education programs.

Consumers can bring empty containers to a certified buyback or reverse vending machine to receive a refund on the redemption value. Most recycling centers pay by the pound for 50 containers or more. On some materials, in addition to redemption, centers pay scrap value as well. This value fluctuates with the market. For current prices, you must consult the individual centers.

You can also put the containers in your curbside or apartment recycling bins, or donate them to drop-off recycling centers or charities that in turn use the redemption and scrap value to support their programs. Revenue received by the curbside and apartment recycling program for CRV value is rebated back to ratepayers on garbage bills, provided that total revenue for the program exceeds \$2.6 million (last year recycling revenue exceeded \$5.7 million).

Finally, now's the time to think about the number of phone books you really need at home and at work. Later this year, more than one million telephone directories will be delivered to San Francisco residents and businesses - including many that will never be used. If you have more than one phone line at home and only really need one set of directories, or if your business has more books than it really needs, call Pacific Bell Directory at 1-800-848-8000 and reduce the number of books you'll receive.

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## Report Desks for Three Valley Locations

As an incentive to create a stronger police presence in the neighborhood, the Safety Subcommittee of the Vistacion Valley Task Force (VVTF) will establish report desks at three strategic locations.

As determined during the Committee's June 15 meeting, check-in stations will be located at the Village, 333 Schwerin St., the Beacon Center at the Middle School, 450 Raymond Ave. and the Community Center at 50 Raymond Ave. Police officers will be able to answer questions and take reports at these sites.

Safety Committee members have also sent Police Chief Lau, as well as Captains Dower and Harper of Ingle-side and Potrero Stations a position paper on Vistacion Valley being split between two patrol precincts.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

At the June 22 VVTF meeting Ben Wong of S.F. SAFE conveyed the importance of establishing neighborhood

watch groups in the Valley. Criminal activity, he explained, would be less likely to occur with neighbors watching out for one another.

### GENEVA TOWERS UPDATE

Developer John Phillips reports that additional asbestos was discovered and needs to be removed at Geneva Towers before the twin highrises can be dismantled. A separate contract at additional cost is necessary to remove a layer of paint on the buildings also containing the offensive material.

Method of demolition for the Towers, either by implosion or wrecking ball, has yet to be determined pending future meetings with the surrounding community.

### UCSF EXPANSION

Linda Swanson and Michelle Schaefer presented UCSF's expansion plans which include Brisbane Baylands / Executive Park as one of three proposed sites the campus has designated for possible construction. A Draft Envi-

ronmental Impact Report was completed last March.

### NEXT MEETINGS

Next Safety Subcommittee meeting will be held Saturday, July 20, 10:30 a.m. at the Middle School. Next VVTF meeting is July 27, 10:30 a.m. at the Community Center.

## Mentoring Project Has Positive Role Models

Since 1991, Sister to Sister mentoring project has provided positive role models and a variety of educational, career and cultural events to middle school African American girls. Sister to Sister began in the fall of 1991 as a volunteer group of proud African American women from the San Francisco Bay Area who sought to provide practical and emotional support to African American girls at Vistacion Valley Middle School (VVMs). For further information, call Sherri Sawyer at 647-0952, or Betty Houston at 452-4907.

## 60 Plus Membership Open Through August

S.F. State University's (SFSU) College of Extended Learning sponsors the 60 Plus group, offering opportunities for seniors to pursue new avenues of learning. An annual membership fee of \$50 includes the opportunity to take any regular SFSU classes for no credit and attend bi-weekly membership meetings.

New members may join 60 Plus one each year during the months of July and August, and can begin participating in classes and activities in September. There are no prior academic requirements for membership.

60 Plus was organized in 1975 by a small group of individuals wanting to attend SFSU classes on an audit basis. For more information, contact Cella Sullivan, director of the Urban Elders Programs, or Diane Ludlow at 338-2127.

## Test for Call Blocking

Pacific Bell customers can now test phone lines for their requested phone blocking option by calling (800) 386-0000 and listening to a recorded message.

## School Year Ends in Fun and Dance



VVES dancers performed "Crazy as Cool" on stage at Stern Grove during Event '96.



Girls' 100-Meter Sprint during the Junior Olympics at VVES.

Vistacion Valley Elementary School (VVES) ended its 1995-96 academic year with many events and activities, including Event '96 on June 1, and a Junior Olympics on June 10 and 11.

In Event '96, 28 VVES 4th and 5th graders performed in a musical, Crazy as a Cool at Stern Grove together with students from other public and private schools in San Fran-

cisco. The meadow was packed with parents, and their families and friends, some with picnic lunches.

Events in the Junior Olympics included 80-meter sprints, basketball dribbling and free-throwing, relay races with chalkboard erasers, a bucket of water and a balloon waddle race ... all organized by Mr. DeAndreis and all a lot of fun!

## Schools and Skills for the Future

By Representative Nancy Pelosi

Funding for education is a central issue of the current battle of the budget in Congress. The congressional debate on education will decide if the U.S. will be playing a positive role in response to the country's longstanding crisis in learning.

On one side of the debate, the House Republican Majority passed a 1997 Budget Resolution increasing defense spending by \$12 billion above the Pentagon's request, and cutting \$6.6 billion from education and job training programs. Essentially, these vital programs to prepare the American people for the challenges of a new global economy are cutting by 25 percent from this year's funding and then frozen for six years. Important education reforms are terminated and funding for bilingual education is eliminated. Many scholarship and student loan programs are eliminated.

On the other side of the debate, I joined with Congressional Democrats to argue that the nation's strength is in an educated citizenry and skilled workforce. To keep pace with the global competition and technological advances, the Democrats support increased investments in education and job preparedness and oppose unnecessary increases in defense spending.

The Clinton Administration budget would provide added support for GOALS 2000 and school-to-work initiatives, which are helping to create a closer relationship between education and business. Because of federal leadership, the public and private sectors are working together to improve training for people already on the job and to better prepare students for today's workplace.

One profile of the workforce illustrates the scope of the problem; today, only 20 percent of workers possess the skills necessary for advancement;

In the year 2000, 60 percent of new jobs will require advanced skills.

The volume, complexity and rapid transmission of information today is an educational challenge of extraordinary proportions, requiring a national commitment of equal proportion. In great numbers, the American public agrees that the federal government has a responsibility to serve young children eager to learn, students seeking to better themselves with a college education, and working people struggling to maintain a decent standard of living.

More than 75 million American workers earn below \$24,000 a year, 33 million workers are at or below poverty level wages. While college dropout rates are increasing, the earnings gap between high school and college educated workers is widening.

At a recent Town Meeting on Education, San Francisco education leaders joined me to discuss schools and skills for the future. Parents, students, educators and school administrators agree on several key points; parental involvement in early education plays an important part in a child's achievement and the school's performance; teachers need support to advance their own skills and develop a new learning environment for today's students; community partnerships with college programs can greatly improve the employability and success of students. Citizens who raised issues at the Town Meeting, as well as guest speakers, expressed overwhelming agreement that our country must make education and job training a top priority.

Whether Congress measures up to the task will be determined by how we invest our resources in the final agreement on the budget. The soundness of our economy, the viability of a prosperous middle class and the strength of our democracy are at stake in the outcome of the debate on education.

### COFFMAN POOL

Summer 1996 schedule is subject to change. Coffman Pool (337-4702) is located at Vistacion Avenue and Hahn Street. Bart Ribotta is senior swimming instructor.

**Monday:** Senior Citizen Swim Lessons 9-9:50 a.m.; Learn to Swim 10:15-11 a.m.; Learn to Swim 11-11:45 a.m.; Lap Swim 12 noon-1:15 p.m.; Learn to Swim 1:30-2:15 p.m.; Recreation Swim 2:30-3:45 p.m.; Lap Swim 4-5 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Pre-School Lessons 9-9:50 a.m.; Learn to Swim 10:15-11 a.m.; Learn to Swim 11-11:45 a.m.; Lap Swim 12 noon-1:15 p.m.; Learn to Swim 1:30-2:15 p.m.; Recreation Swim 2:30-3:45 p.m.; Lap Swim 4-5 p.m.

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**Friday:** Senior Citizen Swim 9-9:50 a.m.; Learn to Swim 10:15-11 a.m.; Learn to Swim 11-11:45 a.m.; Lap Swim 12 noon-1:15 p.m.; Learn to Swim 1:30-2:15 p.m.; Recreation Swim 2:30-4 p.m.; Lap Swim 4:15-5:45 p.m.; Recreation Swim 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Saturday:** Pre-School Swim 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Lap Swim 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.; Recreation Swim 1:30-3 p.m.

### GGNRA Events

Call for reservations.

#### FORT FUNSTON

\*Hike the Comeback Trail: Strenuous three-mile hike through old coastal defense fortification, 10 a.m. July 7 (558-8642).

\*Plant Happy: Tour of Fort Funston Nursery, 10 a.m. July 14, 27 (558-8642).

#### FORT POINT

\*John Fremont and the Bear Flag Revolt: Personalities in an event that changed California history, 1:30 p.m. July 13 (558-1693).

\*Per Crabbing: 2 p.m. July 6, 20 - bait fee 50 cents (558-1693).

\*The Stuff Forts are Made of: Explore Fort Point, 10 a.m. July 7, 27 (558-1693).

#### OCEAN BEACH

\*Adopt-a-Beach Clean-up Day: Bring friends and family to help clean Ocean Beach, 10:30 a.m. July 21 (558-8642).

#### PRESIDIO

\*Camelot Walk: 12 noon July 6, 13, 20; 2 p.m. July 9, 23, 28 (581-4323).

\*Crissy Field Aviation Walk: Learn early aviation history, 10 a.m. July 13 (581-4323).

\*From Post to Park: One mile historical walk, 2 p.m. July 12 (581-4323).

\*Great Scott!: Two mile walk around Fort Winfield Scott, 10 a.m. July 27 (581-4323).

\*The Last Gurr: Demonstration of the last operational gun of its kind, 10 a.m. July 6, 7 (581-4323).

\*Living Legends: Storytelling for Children: Area's mysteries, 2 p.m. July 27 (581-4323).

\*Main Post Walk: Walking tour of Presidio, 10 a.m. July 20; 1 p.m. July 1, 7, 27 (581-4323).

\*Mountain Lake to Fort Point Hike: Retrace three miles of Anza's 1776 route, 10 a.m. July 13 (581-4323).

\*Native American Handiwork: Learn about the area's past Native Americans, 2 p.m. July 7, 24 (581-4323).

\*Pedaling the Presidio: Bike ride through the

Presidio, 10 a.m. July 20, 28 (581-4323).

\*From Rubble to Renaissance: Walk to Palace of Fine Arts, 9:30 a.m. July 14 (581-4323).

\*Shores and Shipwrecks: One mile beach walk, 10 a.m. July 18 (581-4323).

\*Streets of the Presidio: Learn about the names behind the streets, 2 p.m. July 13 (581-4323).

\*Terms of Endangerment: Slide show and visit to habitat restoration, 2 p.m. July 21 (581-4323).

\*A Walk on the Wild Side: Learn about plants, animals and geology, 2 p.m. July 14 (581-4323).

\*Women of the Presidio: Learn their stories during one mile hike, 2 p.m. July 4 (581-4323).

\*SUTRO BATHS

\*Tour the Ruins 11 a.m. July 13 (558-8642).

\*SUTRO DISTRICT

\*Touring the Past: Learn about the Cliff House, Sutro Baths and Sutro Heights Park, 11 a.m. July 20 (558-8642).

## Just Imagine a World Where There is Full Employment....

By Barbara Arms

Imagine that there were more jobs than people who wanted to work. No unemployed, insecure millions. For those who already had jobs, more security. If you didn't like the job you had, you could just walk across the street and find another. No poverty, no homelessness, no ghettos. The end of falling wages, as businesses

would have to bargain to get good workers.

Is this just a dream? The San Francisco Full Employment Coalition thinks not. Already there is a bill in Congress, HR1050 to make jobs a right for Americans. Most of these jobs would come from the private sector as the economy expanded. This has not

happened yet primarily because of restrictive interest rate policies pursued by the Federal Reserve Bank.

All interested persons are welcome to attend a talk and a discussion sponsored by the Full Employment Coalition on July 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. Call 397-4911 for further information.

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New President for CCSF Board of Trustees

Lawrence Wong, longtime community activist, becomes president of the Board of Trustees of City College of San Francisco (CCSF) as of July 1996.

Wong, a graduate of CCSF, was elected to the Board of the San Francisco Community College District in November 1994. Upon assuming his seat as a trustee in early 1995, Wong's colleagues on the Board elected him Vice President.

Wong was born and raised in San Francisco. He was educated in the City's public school system. After graduating from CCSF, he earned degrees from the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Santa Clara School of Law.

Wong served currently as the national executive director of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA), one of the oldest civil rights organizations in the nation. He continues

as a board member of numerous civic and community organizations, several of which he chaired over the past decade.

The Asian Coalition (Asian employees at CCSF) in 1995 recognized Wong for his accomplishments as a Board member at City College. These included expanding citizenship classes and the English as a Second Language program, and the beginning of the Minority and Women Business Enterprise program (M/WBE) to encourage that minorities and women have a fair chance to compete for contract from the college. He is a strong supporter of greater representation of the diversity of San Francisco in the hiring of faculty and staff.

Wong spearheaded changes to the method that identifies students by social security numbers to protect the privacy of immigrant students. In keeping with his advocacy on behalf of immigrants, he helped draft a resolution which was passed by the Board of Supervisors in 1993 that put San Francisco on record as the first city in the nation to oppose all laws that discriminate against immigrants. He also has fought for the rights of those who are destitute and living with AIDS as a board member of the AIDS Emergency Fund and has been a fundraiser for AIDS service organizations.

As a former San Francisco Human Rights Commissioner, Wong was recognized by a 1993 resolution for his exemplary service to the Commission. While on the Commission, he fought for affirmative action in city hiring and

contracting, including a special bonding program for African American contractors. Wong also has been officially recognized by both the California State Senate and numerous times by the Board of Supervisors for his "Outstanding Service to the Community and to the City of San Francisco."

A longtime member of the Democratic Party, Wong has served as President of the Chinese American Democrats Club and was the founding president of the Asian Pacific Democratic Club, the first political organization that brings together all the Asian ethnic groups under one political banner. He has been elected three times to the Democratic Party State Central Committee and has been appointed twice to the California Democratic Party Legislation Committee. At a recent meeting in Washington, D.C., with President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, Wong spoke to them about the importance of their continued support for education at all levels.

Wong took action in 1995 when he realized that many educational and vocational programs serving the Asian and other minority communities were being threatened by continuing congressional budget cuts. Wong worked with CACA-SF to bring U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley to San Francisco to meet with the Asian community to talk about protecting many desperately needed educational and

vocational training programs in San Francisco. It was the first time that the Secretary addressed the Asian community in San Francisco on issues of critical importance to education. During the address, the Secretary spoke out in support of bilingual education and continued financial aid for students.

City College of San Francisco is one of the largest community colleges in the nation, with a student population

of more than 75,000 and a budget of \$155 million. It awards more Associate degrees than any other two-year college in California. In addition to credit courses for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, CCSF offers numerous vocational education programs that lead to industry-recognized certificates of accomplishment, and offers a broad range of courses designed for personal enrichment.

Muni Wins Award

Muni was recently honored at an awards dinner of the California Heritage Council for its efforts in preserving history through restoration and utilization of its classic streetcars on the F Market streetcar line.

Each year, the non-profit educational corporation dedicated to preservation of California heritage recognizes a building or site best exemplifying California history.

"The California Heritage Council Award validates all the hard work, dedication and sacrifice of the Muni employees who made the F Line possible, and have kept history alive on the streets of San Francisco," said Philip H. Adams, director of Public Transportation.

Popularity of the stylish retro streetcars from around the world with tourists and residents alike has created an exciting and nostalgic atmosphere along Market Street.

Commenced last September, the F Line will eventually extend service along the Embarcadero waterfront to Fishermen's Wharf.

She's Elected!



Visitacion Valley's own Ming Saelee will serve as student body president of Thurgood Marshall High School for the 1996-97 year. Congratulations, Ming!

**S.F. ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY**  
Following are funding recommendations affecting Visitacion Valley.

**\*Visitacion Valley Community Beacon;** Visitacion Valley Bilingual Education and Supportive Services  
Collaborators: Fiscal Agent: Visitacion Valley Community Center; Partnering with Visitacion Valley Community Beacon / Visitacion Valley Community Center (PNO 64); S.F. City College; Visitacion Valley Community Center; Visitacion Valley Middle School; S.F. Unified School District Beacon Program; Visitacion Valley Asians Association; Career Development Center; Wu Yee Children's Services.  
Amount Recommended: \$100,000  
Program Summary: This collaborative will provide 3-4 new adult ESL classes (30+ adults per class) and two new summer camp-style immersion ESL classes (25+ youth per class) taught by City College teachers in Visitacion Valley. It will also establish "The Vee" shuttle service, a potentially self-sustaining enterprise, to provide transportation from Visitacion Valley to various City College campuses. Finally, it will provide child care training and establish child care services (through voucher programs and cooperatives) for parents enrolled in City College classes.

**\*Visitacion Valley Community Center**  
Collaborators: Partners: YMCA of S.F. (Proposal #58), Visitacion Valley Village Recreation Center (Proposal #4), and Visitacion Valley Community Center (Proposal #63), Girls After-School Academy (GASA), Camp Fire Boys and Girls, Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Collaborative, and Visitacion Valley Middle School.  
Amount Recommended: \$72,850  
Program Summary: This collaborative will provide after school activities for 300 Visitacion Valley children and youth, including sports, tutoring, cultural awareness projects, arts and crafts, individual and family counseling, self defense, community service, and job readiness training. They will also support the formation of a Neighborhood Youth Council with at least 20 youth members and a multi-lingual resource directory. The collaborating organizations will engage in a joint planning process to ensure that their activities are well integrated and comprehensive.

**\*Visitacion Valley Community Center**  
Collaborators: El Dorado Neighborhood

Betterment Council; Visitacion Valley Resident Association; Little Hollywood Committee; Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Collaborative; various Visitacion Valley merchants.

**Amount Recommended: \$46,000**  
Program Summary: This collaborative will work with Visitacion Valley merchants to establish a new Merchants Association and access economic development and business assistance for merchants. It will also organize a street patrol to increase merchant safety; and pursue other goals determined by the merchants to be priority outcomes.

**\*Visitacion Valley Jobs, Education and Training Project**  
Collaborators: Fiscal Agent: Visitacion Valley Community Center; Visitacion Valley Task Force, The Village, Campfire Boys and Girls, Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Collaborative, Visitacion Valley Community Center, Sunnydele Tenant's Association, Geneva Towers Resident's Council, San Francisco State University Urban Institute.  
Amount Recommended: \$75,000  
Program Summary: This collaborative will develop relationships with subcontractors and job training programs. They will then create a database with worker profiles; job opportunities in construction and related fields; and available training programs. They will also coordinate job readiness, placement and retention efforts with public and private employers. They will publicize and expand these resources and services through newsletters, advertising and other outreach activities. Their efforts will be directed at the 30 percent local hiring mandate of the housing demolition and construction in process for Visitacion Valley.

**\*Visitacion Valley Leadership Club**  
Collaborators: Fiscal Agent: Portole Family Connection Center, Inc.; St. James Presbyterian Church; Visitacion Valley Elementary School; El Dorado Elementary School; Family Connections; Autalavou; S.F. Recreation and Parks Latchkey Program.  
Amount Recommended: \$27,150  
Program Summary: A number of after school activities to encourage the 40 participating fourth and fifth graders to develop entrepreneurial skills, including exposure to culturally appropriate community leaders, conflict resolution training, operation of in-school businesses, neighborhood

**AT THE RANDALL MUSEUM**  
Sign-ups begin 12:30 for 1 p.m. classes. Space is limited. No organized groups please. Some spaces can be reserved for members - call 554-9600 for information. Young Audiences Arts Card holders receive a 2 for 1 discount. \$4-10 a person sliding scale. Adults must accompany children under 8.

**JULY 6: Moving with the Wind:** Discover the language of kinetic art by making your own mobile. Find an inspiration in a flock of birds, a school of fish or a group of horses galloping in the field.

**JULY 13: Fishprinting T-Shirts:** Fishprinting began as a way of backing up a big

fish story. Make a wonderful ocean T-shirt by printing it with shrimp, octopus, crabs and fish. Bring a T-shirt or buy one for \$4.

**JULY 20 and 27: Animal Costumes:** Cover boxes with streams of fabric to make wearable costumes with tails that twitch, ears that twitch and wings that fly.

**FAMILY CERAMICS**  
There is a Family Ceramics hour for ages 3 and up on Saturday, July 6 and 13 from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

**FREE ON SATURDAYS**  
Animal Feeding at 12 noon; Animal Talk at 2:15 p.m.; Model Railroad Exhibit on second and fourth Saturday, 12:30 to 6 p.m.; Hill Restoration on July 27, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

San Francisco Gets Community Funding

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The announcement highlights 27 projects in the EC, funded with \$1.34 million of the \$2.95 million EC award. President Clinton designated San Francisco as an Enterprise Community which includes the neighborhoods of Bayview/Hunters Point, Visitacion Valley, The Mission and South of Market in December 1994. In addition, the City of San Francisco has included in its strategic plans the communities of the Tenderloin and Chinatown.

Community perspective was summed up by Anna Yee, chair of the

San Francisco Governance Board for the EC. "These are exciting times in San Francisco. It's never easy to work together in a new way - but thanks to the hard work of neighborhood residents, businesses and community-based organizations, and with strong support from the mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the Office of Community Development, we are embarking on a new process that is well-positioned to produce extraordinary returns."

The San Francisco Enterprise Community was one of 71 designations made across the country. Neighborhoods were selected on the basis of economic factors and on their potential for progress.

"The State of California is proud of San Francisco for granting the Enterprise Community grant," stated Charlene Lewis Meeks, deputy director for California's Department of Social Services. "It shows community collaboration and cooperation to have received this honor."

Enterprise Communities bring several federal agencies together in concert to work with the communities. Under its auspices, federal waivers are expedited, federal funding preferences are given and tax incentives are provided.

Book Review

**Real Estate Investments and How to Make Them** by Mill Tanzer (Pleasanton Hall, 1996) 352 pgs. (cloth) \$24.95

Despite a slowdown of growth in a few areas, real estate is still one of the best money-making opportunities available to investors today. In this fully revised and updated third edition of the popular handbook, one of the nation's top real estate investment professionals guides readers step-by-step through the real estate investment process explaining exactly what to do and how to do it - from finding and analyzing investment property to financing, buying, managing and selling it.

**Real Estate Investments and How to Make Them** dispels a myth that real estate is a high risk investment requiring years of experience and shows how real estate stacks up against the stock market and "fixed" savings investments.

Not just another "get rich quick" book on real estate, it helps potential investors steer clear of dubious promises and unusual, high-risk investments while detailing how to make sound investment decisions. Offering a wealth of helpful new ideas, techniques and sound advice, it is also equally valuable to experienced investors.

Information is included on:

- \*How real estate investments can help you avoid the inflation trap;
- \*Where to locate sources of investment capital - including some sources you didn't know you had;
- \*How to make new tax laws work for you; and
- \*How to pyramid your investments so that building a substantial estate may be not only possible but inevitable.

Mill Tanzer has led numerous seminars introducing first-time investors to real estate investing and has taught courses for professionals in the real estate field. He is the author of two other books on making money in real estate.



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**Crossword Solution**  
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## St. Luke's Opening Clinic on Leland Ave.

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"We really want to be responsive to the needs of the community," explained Richard Olive, who does community relations for St. Luke's, which along with General are the only two hospitals south of Market Street. St. Luke's has spent considerable time discussing various ethnic and cultural

backgrounds in opening a new location. One possibility for the proposed Leland Avenue clinic could be Sunday hours, which would be convenient for the many Valley residents with busy schedules.

During a recent meeting at St. Luke's, a number of important ideas for the proposed clinic were discussed, including:

- \*Teen Health: sex education; dermatology;
- \*Senior Health: outreach, transporta-

tion and escort service; arthritis, depression and senior abuse were also stressed:

- \*Women's Health: pap smears; breast health;
- \*Children's Health: immunization and asthma; abuse, both physical and sexual;
- \*Miscellaneous categories also included: a multilingual capacity for the clinic; nutrition programs; non-traditional medicines; herbs; acupuncture and hormone replacement.

St. Luke's is planning a follow-up meeting concerning the proposed Valley clinic to update the neighborhood on its progress.

Residents can again contribute their thoughts and ideas in making the clinic as useful as possible.

## Juneteenth Celebration Welcomes Actor

As African Americans around the country celebrated Juneteenth or Black Independence Day on June 19, hundreds gathered in Sacramento at the Capitol to welcome Emmy-nominated actor and director Tim Reid.

Reid was attending a Juneteenth observance hosted by the California Legislative Black Caucus and the

Sacramento Community Forum that included a screening of his directorial debut film *One Upon a Time ... When We Were Colored* and a public forum held in the auditorium of the new downtown Secretary of State Building. The Caucus presented Reid with a framed resolution recognizing his contributions to the industry and community.

What Juneteenth Means to Me  
A message from Black Caucus Chairman Willard H. Murray, Jr. on June 19.

Juneteenth is one of the most celebrated personal holidays among African Americans across the nation. Juneteenth denotes change, a new direction, and a sign of hope that freed our ancestors from bondage.

For more than 100 years, African American communities have brought out the barbecue pits, have danced to the music of local musicians, have proudly stepped high in the community parades, and have admired cultural and art displays depicting our roots, our history. However, how many of us actually know why we look forward to celebrating the 19th of June and its significance? How many of us stop to appreciate how far we have come by faith? And how many of us silently pay tribute to our heritage and remember the sacrifices that gave us our rights today?

Historical records note that on January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation that President Abraham Lincoln signed on September 22, 1862 would free slaves in southern states that were rebelling against the United States. However, it wasn't until June 19, 1865 that General Gordon Granger and his federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas with the express purpose of forcing slave owners to release their slaves. And from that moment, Freedom Day was established and has become an integral part of the African American legacy.

There are too many versions about why the slave owners did not honor the Proclamation during the two-year period. The three leading legends are 1) the news was withheld because the slave owners wanted to make one last crop; 2) the news was delayed by mule travel; and 3) the news was delayed by the murder of the messenger. In fact, one of the most notable explanations has been recorded by Haywood Hygh, Jr., a high school teacher in Compton,

California who attended the Juneteenth celebrations as a lad in Karnack, Texas. He explains that his 86-year-old father swears that an ex-Union African American soldier rode a mule from Washington with a message given to him by President Lincoln. The soldier first informed the slaves in Oklahoma on June 19. He then traveled to Arkansas, and lastly, Texas with the freedom message.

Juneteenth, the message of liberty, remains a cherished memory that traveled with the mass migrations in the late 1890s to the northern, eastern and western states. Its importance was carried in the hearts of the newly-freed slaves and was transplanted among the former slaves in their new found homes.

Today, we continue to celebrate Juneteenth as "Freedom Day" or "Black Independence Day." Let us always remember our past, the struggles of our forefathers, and our rights. As demonstrated by the sacrifices made by our African American families for freedom, and by the power of the Emancipation Proclamation, one of the many laws that granted African Americans equal rights, we know that equity and justice are enforced by law.

We learn from our history, and we continue to make history, as we unite and utilize one of the basic free rights in society: voting. To be free from bondage is to take advantage of the liberties we hold today. By law, actions can be taken to keep improving the society in which we live: one such action is voting.

I am here to serve you and to voice your concerns in the state. The doors to my Capitol and district office are open to your opinions and needs. I want to hear from you.

As I celebrate Juneteenth today and throughout this month, I will also celebrate the advances made over the years. I will celebrate the accomplishments made for the good of all people. That is what Juneteenth means to me.



Members of the Hospitality Committee greeted visitors to the Beacon Center.



...And the band played on.

## Beacon Opens

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Beacon centers are community centers created by opening neighborhood schools for community use year-round, before and after school, evenings, weekends and during the summer. They offer a safe place where young people can develop relationships with peers and caring adults while engaging in meaningful experiences and activities that build skills and confidence.

San Francisco Beacon Institute is an important City-wide effort to bring together public and private organizations to pool resources and work collaboratively to provide comprehensive, youth-centered supports and activities. Guided by a Steering Committee composed of the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families, the San Francisco Unified School District, and the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund, the partnership also includes community-based organizations, schools, parents, young people and city agencies.

## Plenty of Fireworks on the Waterfront July 4

San Francisco Chronicle's 39th Annual Independence Day Celebration will be held Thursday, July 4 along the waterfront from Aquatic Park, along Fisherman's Wharf, to Pier 39 and all the way down the Embarcadero along the new Herb Caen Promenade to the Ferry Building and Justin Herman Plaza.

Fireworks will fill the sky over S.F. Anchorage, Ferry Plaza and Justin Bay beginning at 9:30 p.m. from four

sites: Aquatic Park, mid-Bay, Pier 39 and Justin Herman Plaza.

As part of this day-long celebration beginning at 2 p.m., local musicians will play sounds from around the world on eight stages located at Aquatic Park, Fisherman's Wharf, Pier 39, Ghirardelli Square, The Cannery, The

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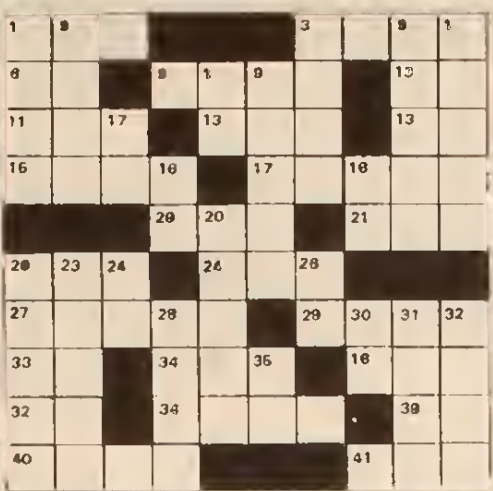
- Match quotes to speakers.
- "In life, as in a football game, the principle to follow is hit the line hard."
  - "Comedy is tragedy - plus time."
  - "A committee is a group that keeps minutes and loses hours."
  - "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."
  - "A small town is a place where there's no place to go where you shouldn't."
  - "Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own."

- "It's easy to identify people who can't count to ten. They're in front of you in the supermarket express lane."
  - "The surest way to be late is to have plenty of time."
  - "Middle age is when your broad mind and narrow waist begin to change places."
- A. Leo Kennedy  
B. Burt Bacharach  
C. Theodore Roosevelt  
D. June Henderson  
E. Joseph Cossman  
F. Dolly Parton  
G. Milton Berle  
H. Doug Larson  
I. Carol Burnett

Answers: 1-C, 2-I, 3-G, 4-F, 5-B, 6-H, 7-O, 8-A, 9-E.

Grapevine Crossword

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In S.F. History

JULY

1: In 1850, a three-mile single track was completed by the San Francisco and Mission Railroad from the foot of Market St. to Mission Dolores. In 1899, after nearly 30 years of construction, the new City Hall at the corner of Market and McAllister Sts. was finally completed. It would last less than seven years due to heavy damage in the 1906 earthquake. In 1967, Bay Area Rapid Transit construction crews began excavating the dirt below the surface of Market St. for a subway system.

4: In 1850, the Alta California, San Francisco's first daily newspaper, became the first California publication to be printed on steam-powered presses. In 1876, San Franciscans first

witnessed a display of electric light, shown from the roof of St. Ignace College. In 1882, the Telegraph Hill Observatory first opened its doors. In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt sent the first message to the Philippine Islands on the new Pacific Cable. In 1907, Telegraph Hill's Pioneer Park was dedicated.

5: In 1934, disgruntled City workers and police clashed in the general strike's "Bloody Thursday," resulting in two fatalities.

9: In 1846, a United States flag was first raised in San Francisco, then known as Yerba Buena.

13: In 1898, the Ferry Building at the foot of Market St. opened.

15: In 1917, a celebration was held at the west portal of the Twin Peaks Tunnel to celebrate its completion.

17: In 1853, Bishop Ale-

many laid the cornerstone of Old St. Mary's Church at California St. and Grant Ave. (then Dupont St.) to commence construction.

19: In 1880, San Francisco opened its first lending library. In 1955, the Balclutha first tied up at Pier 43 as part of a floating museum.

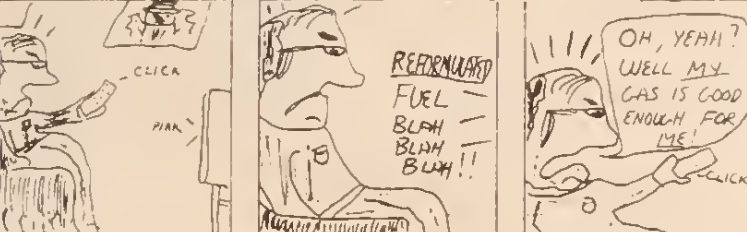
23: In 1852, the Presidio's U.S. National Cemetery received its first interment.

25: In 1903, a mysterious fire destroyed the 21 year-old castle observatory at the peak of Telegraph Hill.

28: In 1849, the Mermon made a 120-day voyage from New York, becoming the first clipper ship to arrive in San Francisco Bay.

29: In 1958, with dwindling patronage due mainly to the 22 year-old Bay Bridge, the Southern Pacific Bay Ferries discontinued service.

SUMP, THE GRUMP By Jackie Holder



Open Air Book Fair

Booklovers can celebrate independent bookselling at a free open air book fair, *Books by the Bay*, Saturday, July 20 amid bookstore booths, author readings, live music and a children's activity area from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. adjacent to the Ferry Building at the foot of Market Street.

With representation by 30 Northern California Independent booksellers, *Books by the Bay* will showcase the diversity of locally owned and operated bookstores while celebrating the importance of independents to their communities.

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE GRAPEVINE

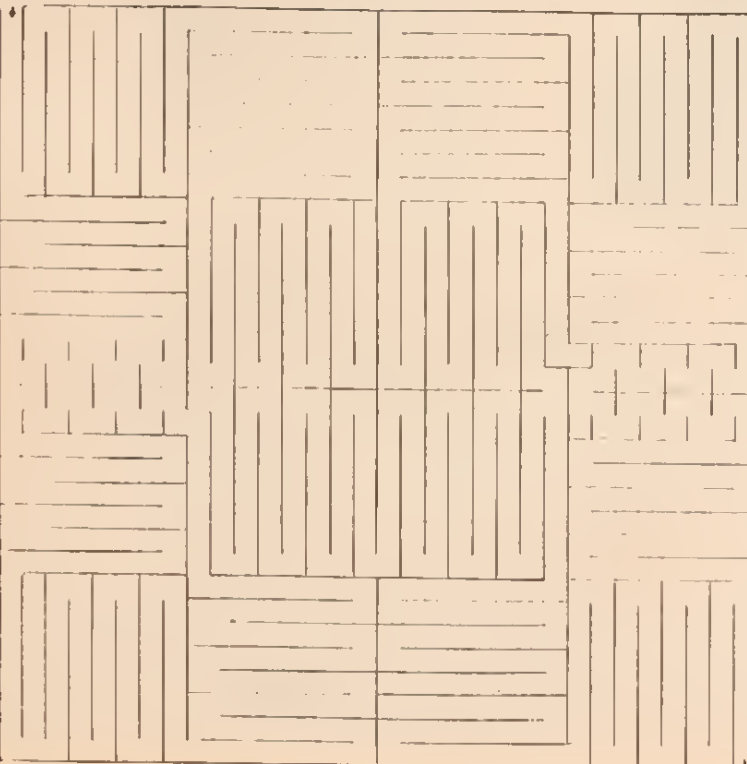
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"Charlene Wilson and Angel Orellano, students at Visitacion Valley Elementary School, each were awarded a Mark Coonradt Scholarship grant.

"Multi-cultural foods were a highlight of a June 7 pot luck and awards celebration held by the Camp Fire Boys and Girls *Koyuse Club*.

"Teacher/director Micheal Jones at the Community Center's childcare and preschool programs demonstrated to parents the importance of reading to their young children.

MINUTE MAZE



Grapevine Puzzler

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W I S I A O Y A M O C L I P E I T L E V E S O O R O I R Y S

World's Biggest Rivers

Albany	Danube	Japura	Niger	Rhone	Tajo
Amazon	Dnieper	Jordan	Nile	Rio de la Plata	Tennessee
Amu	Dniester	Kootenay	Ob-Inysh	Rio Grande	Thames
Amur	Don	Lena	Oder	Rio Roosevelt	Tiber
Angara	Drava	Loire	Ohio	Saguanay	Tigris
Arkansas	Dvina	Mackenzie	Orange	St. John	Tisza
Back	Ebro	Madeira	Onnaco	St. Lawrence	Tocantins
Brahmaputra	Elbe	Magdalena	Onawa	Salween	Ural
Bug	Euphrates	Mame	Paraguay	Sao Francisco	Uruguay
Canadian	Fraser	Mekong	Parana	Saskatchewan	Volga
Chang Jiang	Gambia	Meuse	Peace	Seine	Weser
Churchill	Ganges	Mississippi	Pilcomayo	Shannon	Wisla
Colorado	Garonne	Missouri	Po	Snake	Xi
Columbia	Huang	Murray-Darling	Purus	Songhua	Yenisey
Congo	Indus	Negro	Red	Syr	Yukon
	Irrawaddy	Nelson	Rhine	Tagus	Zambezi

Historic Proportions

- Match clues to answers.
- 1986
- On February 14, they started using dollars and cents.
  - Best Actor in a Series at the Emmy Awards on May 22.
  - First giggle heard from this silly pile of goo.
  - These movers and shakers started appearing in cages.
  - This bear's first animated feature.
  - On September 12, they were "... walking down the street."
  - On January 12, first *Pow! Zap! Bam!* of an episode.
  - World Series winners for the first time.
  - They ruled the NFL.
  - "Take it off. Take it all off."

- Champs of the NBA.
- They were singing of the *Sounds of Silence*.
- Best Picture at the Academy Awards on April 18.
- On September 8, "Space, the final frontier."
- On September 17, first appearance of the tape recorder.
- Top-selling mass market paperback of the year.
- On November 11, final mission of this project.
- They were singing about *Good Vibrations*.
- A. Star Trek  
B. Simon & Garfunkel  
C. The Monkees  
D. Pillsbury Doughboy  
E. The Hobbit  
F. Go-go dancers  
G. Beach Boys  
H. Australians  
I. Mission Impossible  
J. The Sound of Music  
K. Gemini

- L. Noxema  
M. Green Bay Packers  
N. Bill Cosby  
O. Winnie the Pooh  
P. Batman  
Q. Boston Celtics  
R. Baltimore Orioles

Free Legal Assistance

Do you have a problem that may require an attorney? Visit the free *Legal Advice and Referral Clinic*, Saturday, July 13 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the New Main Public Library's Latino/Hispanic Meeting Room in the lower level.

A private consultation with an attorney who will determine if you have a legal problem. If further assistance is needed, referral will be made to an appropriate agency. For more information, call 764-1616.

Famous Birthdays

JULY

1: Nick Adams (1931); Dan Aykroyd (1952); Karen Black (1942); Leslie Caron (1931); Olivia De Havilland (1918); Princess Diana (1961); Jamie Farr (1936); Fred Gwynne (1926); Deborah Harry (1945); Charles Laughton (1899); Frank Morgan (1890); Sydney Pollack (1934); George Sand (1804); Twyla Tharp (1941); Mike Tyson (1966)

2: Jose Canseco (1964); Polly Holliday (1937); Dan Rowan (1822); John Sununu (1839); Arthur Treacher (1894); Natalie Wood (1938)

3: Dave Barry (1947); Delta Burke (1858); Edd "Kookie" Byrnes (1933); George M. Cohan (1878); Michael Cole (1945); Tom Cruise (1962); Dorothy Killgallen (1813); Ken Russell (1827); George Sanders (1908); Montel Williams (1956)

4: Louie Armstrong (1900); James Bailey (1847); Stephen Boyd (1928); Calvin Coolidge (1872); Virginia Graham (1912); Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804); Leone Helmeley (1920); Ann Landers (1818); Gine Lollobrigida (1927); L.B. Meyer (1885); Mitch Miller (1811); Gerardo Rivera (1943); Neil Simon (1827); George Steinbrenner (1930); Abigail Van Buren (1818)

5: P.T. Barnum (1810); Gene-Jean CociEAU (1889); Huey Lewis (1951); Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. (1902); Ralph Morgan (1883); Warren Oates (1828)

6: Alycia Beasley (1854); Ned Beatty (1937); Sebastian Cabot (1818); Fred Dryer (1846); Merv Griffin (1925); Bill Haley (1825); John Paul Jones (1747); Janel

Ligh (1927); James Naughton (1946); Pet Peulsen (1927); Nancy Reagan (1921); Della Reese (1931); William Schallert (1922); Sylvester Stallone (1945); Burt Ward (1946)

7: Pierre Cardin (1822); Shelley Duval (1949); Jack Kamp (1935); Setchel Paige (1906); Doc Severinsen (1827); Ringo Starr (1940)

8: Kevin Bacon (1958); Billy Eckstine (1914); Marty Feldman (1934); Anjelica Huston (1951); Steve Lawrence (1935); Raffi (1948); Nelson Rockefeller (1908); Joe Spano (1945); Jerry Vale (1931)

9: Brian Dennehy (1938); Tom Hanks (1956); John D. Rockefeller (1838); Fred Savage (1975); O.J. Simpson (1947)

10: David Brinkley (1920); David Dinkins (1927); Ronnie James Dio (1948); Arlo Guthrie (1947); Jake LaMotta (1821); Max Von Sydow (1929); James Whistler (1834)

11: John Quincy Adams (1767); Giorgio Armani (1934); Harold Bloom (1930); Yul Brynner (1920); Tab Hunter (1931); Leon Spinks (1953); Harry Von Zell (1906); E.B. White (1899)

12: Milton Berle (1908); Tod Browning (1892); Bill Cosby (1938); Ken Curtis (1918); Cheryl Ladd (1951); Christine McVie (1944); Richard Simmons (1948); Jay Thomas (1948); Henry David Thoreau (1817); Knet Yamaguchi (1971)

13: Harrison Ford (1942); David Garroway (1913); Father Edward Flanagan (1888); Cheech Marin (1946); Patnick Stewart (1940)

14: Annabelle (1812); Ingmar Bergman (1918); Polly Bergen (1930); John Chancellor (1827); Jean Dixon (1894); Douglas Edwards (1917); Gerald Ford (1813); Rosey Grier (1932); Woody Guthrie (1912); Dale

Robertson (1923); Harry Dean Stanton (1926); Irving Stone (1903); Terry-Thomas (1911)

15: Willie Aames (1960); Alex Karras (1935); Veronica Lake (1919); Kurt Manwaring (1965); Clement Moore (1779); Brigitte Nielsen (1963); Rembrandt (1606); Linde Ronstadt (1946); Jan-Michael Vincent (1944); Forest Whitaker (1961)

16: Reuben Blades (1945); Phoebe Cates (1963); Mary Baker Eddy (1821); Corey Feldman (1971); Bernard Hughes (1815); Percy Kilbride (1888); Ginger Rogers (1911); Barbara Stanwyck (1907)

17: Lucie Arnaz (1951); James Cagney (1899); Dianna Carroll (1935); Spencer Davis (1942); Phyllis Diller (1817); Art Linkletter (1912); Bill Monroe (1920); Donald Sutherland (1834)

18: James Brolin (1940); Dion DiMucci (1939); John Glenn (1921); Screamin' Jay Hawkins (1829); Elizabeth McGovern (1961); Harriet Nelson (1812); Marthe Reeves (1941); Red Skelton (1913); Chill Wille (1903)

19: Lizzza Borden (1880); Vickie Carr (1941); George Dzundza (1945); Pat Hingle (1924); George McGovern (1922)

20: Chuck Daly (1933); Diana Rigg (1938); Carlos Santana (1947); Natalie Wood (1936)

21: Ernest Hemingway (1899); Allyn Joselyn (1905); Don Knotts (1924); Jon Lovitz (1957); Ken Maynard (1895); Janet Reno (1936); Cal Stevens (1948); Robin Williams (1952)

22: Albert Brooke (1947); William Defoe (1955); Oscar de la Renta (1932); Robert Dole (1823); Louise Fletcher (1934); Danny Glover (1947); Don Henley (1947); Rose Kennedy (1890); Gregor Mendel (1822); Alex Trebek (1940)

23: Raymond Chandler (1888); Bert Convy (1933); Gloria De Haven (1925); Woody Herrelson (1961); Belinda Montgomery (1950); Haile Selassie (1892)

24: Barry Bonds (1964); Ruth Buzzi (1938); Lynda Carter (1951); Amelie Earhart (1898); Robert Hayes (1947); John D. McDonald (1818); Michael Richards (1950); Frank Silvera (1914)

25: Walter Brennan (1894); Estelle Getty (1923); Jack Gilford (1813); Barbara Harris (1935); Jerry Panie (1926); Walter Payton (1954)

26: Gracie Allen (1906); Blake Edwards (1922); Susan George (1960); Dorothy Hamill (1856); Mick Jagger (1943); Carl Jung (1875); Stanley Kubrick (1928); Marjorie Lord (1922); Jason Robards (1922); George Bernard Shaw (1856); Vivian Vance (1812)

27: Leo Durocher (1906); Peggy Fleming (1948); Norman Lear (1922); Maureen McGovern (1949); Betty Thomas (1948); Jerry Van Dyke (1931); Keenan Wynn (1918)

28: Bill Bradley (1943); Joe E. Brown (1892); Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (1917); Beatrix Potter (1866); Sally Struthers (1948); Rudy Vallee (1901); Michael Wilding (1812)

29: Elizabeth Dole (1826); Peter Jennings (1838); Benito Mussolini (1883); William Powell (1892); Michael Spink (1856); Booth Tarkington (1859); Thelma Todd (1905)

30: Paul Anka (1941); Peter Bogdanovich (1939); Delta Burke (1958); Kate Bush (1958); Henry Ford (1863); Arnold Schwarzenegger (1947)

31: Milton Friedman (1912); Curt Gowdy (1819); Don Murray (1828); Weeily Snipes (1963); Gill Todman (1916)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>AUGUST GRAPEVINE DEADLINE JULY 22</b>	1 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day <i>Dominion Day (Canada)</i>	2 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 7:00pm ROSES meeting at Southeast Community College	3	4 11:00am VVCC Senior Council Meeting <i>Independence Day</i>	5 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	6
7 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	8 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	9 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 4:30pm Sunnydale Tennis Meet 7:00pm El Dorado N.B.C. Meeting	10 6:00pm Executive Park Advisory Committee	11	12 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	13
14 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	15 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	16 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 3:30pm Via Valley Neighborhood Collaborative meet	17	18 3:00pm Beacon Council meet	19 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	20 10:00am Friends of McLaren Park
21 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	22 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	23 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo 4:00pm VVCC Board Meeting	24	25 9:00am USDA Surplus Food Distribution Day at VVCC	26 12:00pm VVCC Seniors Painting Classes	27 10:00am Via Valley Task Force at 50 Raymond
28 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	29 11:30am VVCC Seniors Shopping Day	30 12:30pm VVCC Senior Bingo	31 City Meetings: Aging-1st Wed 9:30 am, Airport-1st & 3rd Tu 3 pm; Arts-1st Mon 3 pm; Education-2nd/4th Tu 7 pm; Health-1st/3rd Tu 3 pm; Housing Authority-2nd/4th Th 4 pm; Human Rights-1st/3rd Th 4:30 pm; Library-1st Tu 5:30 pm; Planning-Th 1:30 pm; Police-Wed 5:30 pm; Port-1st Tu/3rd Wed 4:30 pm; Public Utilities-2nd/4th Tu 2 pm; Race and Ethnic-3rd Th 2 pm; Social Services-4th Th 9:30 am; Statue of Women-4th Th 4pm; Supervisors-Mon 2 pm			

## Common Drugs to Prevent Strokes Not Used Enough in California

Half of approximately 8,000 elderly lives lost to stroke associated with atrial fibrillation (AF) could be saved yearly, as well as \$60 million in Medicare expenses eliminated, if physicians in California prescribed common anti-coagulation drugs for irregular heart rhythm. Blood thinners, warfarin (Coumadin) and/or aspirin, can reduce the risk of stroke by 68 percent in those patients that suffer from AF, a common condition. The use of warfarin is particularly effective for women, who account for 60 percent of all deaths due to stroke annually. It could lower the risk of stroke for women who suffer from AF by 84 percent.

Callifornia's quality improvement organization for the state's 3.7 million Medicare beneficiaries, California Medical Review, Inc., (CMRI), is collaborating with 37 hospitals statewide on a stroke prevention study that will increase the prescribing of warfarin and/or aspirin for seniors with AF.

Nationwide, a call to action to prevent strokes began during Stroke Awareness Month in May. A coalition of 20 national organizations that includes the American Medical Peer Review Association, of which CMRI is a member, is participating. Seniors and their families need to know the warning signs for stroke, which include dizziness, numbness of an arm or leg, blurred vision, a sudden intense headache, loss of balance, or difficulty speaking or understanding simple statements. Seniors who experience any of these symptoms should call a doctor immediately. A stroke is a medical emergency. Some or all of these symptoms often precede a stroke and are referred to as "transient ischemic attacks" or TIAs, which are temporary interruptions of the blood supply to an area of the brain. TIAs can appear hours, days, weeks or months before a full stroke.

Chances of having a stroke increase dramatically with age. Two-thirds of all strokes occur among people older than age 65. The risk of stroke doubles with each decade past age 55. Those who have already had a stroke or have had transient symptoms of a stroke have 10 times greater chance of having a stroke. AF increases the risk of stroke six times, and hypertension increases the risk four to six times. Those with diabetes have three times greater chances of having a stroke. African Americans have twice the risk of stroke compared to white Americans.

AF causes the upper left chamber of the heart to beat erratically and unpredictably, and raises stroke risk because it allows blood to pool in the heart's upper left chamber. When blood pools, it tends to form clots which then can be carried to the brain, causing a stroke. Anti-coagulants can prevent the formation of such clots.

Results of a 1991 Gallup Survey indicate that 80 percent of a nationwide sample of physicians believe that patient education is vital to increasing the use of anti-coagulant therapy to prevent stroke. Physicians in the survey ranked managing hypertension, high cholesterol and AF at the top of the list of interventions to reduce stroke risk. Other interventions included encouraging lifestyle modifications, such as smoking cessation, managing diabetes, improving diet and weight control.

For more information, seniors should call their physicians. Prevention and a healthy lifestyle are the keys to making strokes as preventable as heart attacks.

### WHO ARE CMRI?

CMRI and its partners - hospitals, HMOs and health systems - improve health practices for Medicare beneficiaries. In 1983, the U.S. Congress established a federal system of peer review organizations (PROs) now called quality improvement organizations. Nationwide, these private non-profit organizations protect Medicare patients and evaluate the quality of services provided in hospitals.

In recent years, CMRI has focused on enhancing health care quality and implementing changes in hospitals to improve medical care. CMRI has 16 clinical quality improvement projects underway with more than 117 hospital and HMO collaborators statewide.

Medicare consumers and their advocates can call CMRI directly with any questions at their toll-free Helpline: (800) 841-1602 or TDD (800) 881-5890.

### SPCA Events in July

**PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP**  
On Tuesday, July 2, Dr. Betty Carmack will moderate a free Pet Loss Support Group for grieving pet owners to be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the S.F. SPCA, 2500 16th St. Call 554-3000 for more information.

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**  
Help the animals by volunteering for one of the many important jobs at the S.F. SPCA. Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis as cat socializers, dog walkers and adoption counselors. Orientations will be held Tuesday, July 2 from 5 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Call 554-3087 to find out more.

**FERAL CAT CLASSES**  
Get involved to better the lives of feral cats at two free seminars:  
\*Learn techniques and methods for taming feral cats and kittens with professional cat behaviorists on Thursday, July 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
\*Discuss feral cat relocation issues at an open meeting with Ethical Studies specialists from the S.F. SPCA on Thursday, July 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 554-3097.

### GRAPEVINE ADVERTISING

DISPLAY: Full Page: \$150; 1/2 Page: \$80; 1/4 Page: \$45; 1/8 Page: \$25; 1/12 Page: \$15  
WANT-ADS (Private Party): 20 words for \$1. Extra line 50 cents. Mail ad and payment by 20th of prior month to Visitacion Valley Grapevine, 50 Raymond Ave., San Francisco, CA 94134

## New Revenue Slated for Muni Improvements

By Philip H. Adams  
Director, Public Transportation  
After nine years of repeated budget cuts to Muni and other City departments, the tide may finally have turned. During this fiscal year's 1995-96 budget process which provides funds for the fiscal year starting July 1, Muni's Finance Department, in conjunction with the City Controller's Office, was able to identify approximately \$5 million that could be added to Muni coffers. The windfall comes from approximately \$1 million in additional parking and garage money earmarked for Muni, about \$3.3 million from state and local sources, and about \$5 million from an increase in projected Muni fair revenues.

It's no secret that Muni service has suffered considerably since the first cuts were made in 1987. Now, Muni may be able to take some initial steps toward getting its service back on track. Taking our direction from the San Francisco Public Transportation Commission appointed by Mayor Willie Brown, our focus is to stabilize service in all areas and improve reliability. Here's where the money is going and where some visible improvements may be noticed.

In the operations area, Muni will now

be improving street supervision, a key to schedule adherence, by hiring 12 new street supervisors to beat up our current staff of 17. Additionally we will be carrying out Senior Operator Refresher Training to improve service delivery, and implementing an accident reduction program by making retraining efforts vehicle specific to the cable cars, diesel buses, trolley coaches or streetcars that Muni operates.

In the maintenance area, we will be adding 27 positions in a variety of areas to enhance our ability to maintain vehicles and infrastructure, such as signal systems, end overhead and trackways, which is necessary for the operation of Muni vehicles. We are also adding necessary engineering staff to aid in the specification process of procuring new vehicles. Additional materials support staff will come on board to manage and track parts and equipment supplies. Other new positions will also help maintain our aging light rail, trolley and diesel fleets, and provide training to improve technical and managerial efficiency and the effective use of maintenance personnel.

In the public information area, we will be consolidating our Telephone Information Center and Complaints and Commendations Unit into one Customer Relations Department, and adding six new positions. This will enable us to answer a higher percentage of calls and also augment our public information printing budget so that we can produce necessary informational brochures on how to use and ride the Muni system.

All the improvements Muni is making are not confined to the future, however. Over the past several months, as part of its Service Improvement Program requested by the Public Transportation Commission, Muni has already made strides in a number of areas.

Congestion in the downtown area, which affects Muni service, has been improved due to the joint efforts of Muni and the Department of Parking and Traffic. We have carried out Refresher Customer Service Training for our Telephone Information staff and reinstituted a passenger newsletter - the bi-monthly Transit Talk, which can be found in the Take One boxes on Muni vehicles. We have also formed a Speakers Bureau to go out to community groups in an effort to improve passenger and community relations. We have established preventive maintenance inspection review committees to improve reliability of our fleet. Additionally, crime on Muni is down 33 percent this year from the same time last year.

### Recipe Corner

#### BLACKBERRY JAM CAKE

1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup butter or margarine; 2 large eggs; 1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour; 1 tsp. ground cinnamon; 1/2 tsp. baking soda; 1/4 tsp. ground cloves; 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg; 1/3 cup butter/sour milk; 1/2 cup seedless blackberry jam; 1/4 cup chopped walnuts; 2 tbsp. butter or margarine; 1/2 cup packed brown sugar; 3 tbsp. milk; 1-3/4 cups sifted powdered sugar.

Cream together sugar and butter or margarine. Beat in eggs. Stir together flour and spices; add to creamed mixture alternately with butter/sour milk, beating until well blended after each addition.

Fold in blackberry jam or preserves and nuts leaving swirls of jam. (Do not overmix!) Turn into greased and lightly floured 9x9x2-inch baking pan.

Bake at 350 degrees F. oven 25 minutes or until done. Cool completely. Frost with caramel icing.

**Caramel Icing:** In small saucepan, melt butter or margarine; stir in brown sugar. Cook stirring constantly until mixture bubbles; remove from heat. Cool 5 minutes. Stir in milk and blend in powdered sugar; beat until spreading consistency is reached. Serves 6.

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Muni is at a critical juncture in its history. Improvements must be made.

As directed by Mayor Brown and the Public Transportation Commission, we are beginning to address many of the problems that have plagued the Railway recently and make improvements in the quality of Muni's service. Improvements may not be noticeable overnight, but rest assured that they are happening.

The approximately \$5 million in new, non-general fund revenue will be available next fiscal year (July '96). It is a tremendous first step towards getting Muni back on track. The money will allow the railway to focus on improvements in schedule adherence, operator/passenger relationships, operator training and maintenance.

We are encouraged by recent sustained progress, while working towards meeting your expectations of quality service. Thank you for your time, and please feel free to send me a note every now and then to let me know what you think about the service we provide.

### Meeting for PC Users

San Francisco PC Users Group will meet July 16, 7:30 p.m. at the UCSF Laurel Heights Conference Center, 3333 California St. Admission is \$4 for non-members; students are free. Call 777-1332 for events message.

### POLICE-RELATED SERVICES

\*Emergency..... 9-1-1  
\*Non-Emergency..... 553-0123  
\*Parking Complaints..... 553-1200  
\*Abandoned Cars..... 781-JUNK  
\*Neighborhood Watch..... 673-SAFE  
\*Narcotics Tips..... 1-800-CRACKIT  
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Lieutenant Tom Murray (r) of the S.F. Fire Department guided a small group, including Sammy Saos of Public Affairs Management and DPW's Joseph Haas, to the highest part of the City to investigate the Twin Peaks water reservoir.

## Around the Valley... Beacon Opens, Students Graduate, And a Tour of City Reservoirs

By Gerry L. Galvan

Ordinarily, when a dog bites a person, there's no news value to the incident. But when a person bites a dog, such is news to the world.

When an elementary or middle school presents a graduation or commencement exercise at the end of a school year, there's no longer a story worth printing or broadcasting on the airwaves. Not so with what happened at Visitacion Valley Middle School where Visitacion Valley Community Beacon Center has its headquarters.

The Center, a brainchild of the middle school principal, John Flores, officially opened its doors to the public June 10, 1996 with all the pomp and glory that any event could get.

Efficiently put together was a program where a number of highly placed and powerful group of political, city and school officials played high note parts.

San Francisco Unified School District Superintendent Waidemar Rojas delivered a forceful speech on the importance of the Center and on how it could help in educating the youth in the Valley. Exceptionally articulate as he was, he succeeded in staying

away from purely political issues.

It was remarkable indeed to witness such politicians as Supervisor Kevin Shelley, Steve Phillips, and Carolene Marks limit their speeches to educational issues confronting Visitacion Valley.

Joel Tate, acting chairman of the Visitacion Valley Task Force who was one of the principle speakers during the program delivered the best message. He said, "The inauguration of Visitacion Valley Beacon Center is a realization of a dream of a lifetime. It could be the guiding light to those who seek a goal along the right path."

Meanwhile in another part of the neighborhood, frenzied pre-summer-time activities were witnessed at Visitacion Valley Elementary School where Vincent Chao is principal.

The June 14, 1996 promotion exercises featured the guest speech of David Jamison, chief executive officer of Jamison, Cawdrey and Benjamin - an advertising agency. Also in the program was the keynote address of Dr. Ahimsa Porter-Sumchal, a medical doctor who was once a Visitacion Valley resident. Both guest speakers exhorted the graduat-

ing fifth graders to set a higher goal in their lives. "Opportunities for advancement are unlimited," Mr. Jamison told the graduates.

Dr. Porter-Sumchal, for her part, called on the soon-to-be middle schoolers to take her case as an example. "I came from this neighborhood. I had my goal. I set my sight to it. I reached that goal of becoming a medical doctor."

Another Elementary School event that provided added excitement for the children was a round-trip train ride to San Mateo for the kindergarten class on June 5. The 29 (of 32) kindergartners, accompanied by their teacher, a teacher's aide, a Valley resident volunteer and four parents, enjoyed hours of fun at San Mateo Park. The trip was conceived by their teacher, who promised to do the same for future kindergarten children at the Visitacion School.

Another development of interest to Visitacion Valley is the continuing effort of the San Francisco Fire Department to improve firefighting methods and equipment in the City. The project to build a multi-million dollar reservoir at McLaren Park is right on schedule. The other week, Lieutenant Tom Murray of the City fire department's water supplies section took your reporter, Sammy S. Seo of Public Affairs Management and



With the inspection completed, Murray makes sure the gate to the reservoir is securely locked.

Joseph Haas, a mechanical engineer with the Department of Public Works on a tour of the three existing water reservoirs in San Francisco.

It appears that the combined 13 million water capacity of the reservoirs will not be enough for an expanding population in the City. At the turn of the century when the population will have increased considerably, more water will be needed for firefighting needs, Lieutenant Murray said.



After touring three S.F. reservoirs, the group stopped by a local fire station where Captain Robert Edwards (r) explained operations of the station.

## Community Boards Resolving Youth Related Disputes

Community Boards of San Francisco (CBSF), the neighborhood dispute resolution organization, is working with the Visitacion Valley and Mission communities to resolve youth related disputes. Through grants from Sordana, San Francisco and Stulsalt Foundations, CBSF is identifying conflicts of concern to youth and adults alike who could benefit from Community Boards' tree conflict resolution services.

"The voices of young people are not always heard," said Terry Amsler, Community Boards executive director. "We hope that through this project we will be able to empower young people to work out their disputes with others through peaceful methods. We are trying to get everyone involved in the problem solving process which we believe will create a stronger community."

Once concerns have been determined, CBSF will provide conflict resolution trainings to the parties in dispute and then facilitate meetings where both youth and adults can effectively communicate and develop their own agreements. Participants may include youth, parents, teachers, merchants, police or neighbors.

Founded in Visitacion Valley, CBSF has been at the forefront of the nation's community conflict resolution movement since 1976. CBSF services the entire City by organizing panels of trained volunteer conciliators who assist disputing parties to communicate with each other in a safe, mutually respectful environment. Typical cases involve noise, fights, harassment, landlord/tenant issues, property damage, family matters, and much more. There is no cost to participants for this service.

This year, Community Boards celebrates its 20th anniversary with a variety of special events and programs including a youth recognition event and a photographic exhibit which stresses the role of volunteerism in dispute resolution work.

To refer a dispute, call the case intake line at 863-6100. Questions regarding the youth project should be directed to Rita Adrian at the same number.



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